



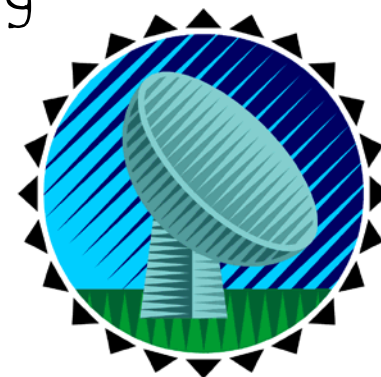
THE ALASKA PUBLIC  
HEALTH TRAINING  
NETWORK'S MISSION  
IS TO ESTABLISH A  
NETWORK OF LEARNING  
PARTNERS THAT USES  
A VARIETY OF MEDIA TO  
PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO ENHANCE THE  
KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE,  
AND SKILLS OF ALASKA'S  
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# A P H T N



## HOW TO BECOME A PART OF THE NETWORK

## What is APHTN?

APHTN is a distance learning system for training, primarily, public health staff.

Based out of the Primary Care and Rural Health Unit of the Section of Community Health and EMS in Juneau, Alaska, it broadcasts programs from the University of Alaska Southeast Distance Education System. APHTN has reached many Alaskans and its health care workers with training and informational programs on a wide range of subjects, such as bioterrorism, anthrax, small pox, infection, tobacco, and poison control, as well as programs that appeal to a wider audience.

APHTN broadcasts a health-related program every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. over the UAS/Ak3 channel. Currently, these programs are broadcast over a number of channels throughout Alaska. To see if your community is one of them, visit our website for an updated listing.

## How To Get Involved

Your physical location must have a site manager, someone who will be

coordinating the facility, making sure the TV is set up, etc. To sign on as a site manager, just head to the APHTN website and follow the links, and if you have any problems, call 1-800-879-7033 for assistance.

### Some Common Topics

#### Bioterrorism Issues:

Weapons of Mass Destruction  
Anthrax  
Smallpox  
Warfare and Pharmacology

#### Public Health Issues:

Immunization  
Tobacco Prevention  
Poison Control  
Risks of Infection  
AIDS

If your area already has a site manager, then all you have to do is register for one of our upcoming programs and show up. Although the APHTN programs are broadcast throughout most of the state, and they are free for the participants, we do ask that you register for each of the scheduled programs. The registrations help to determine how many people are using APHTN, and that information, in turn, helps us receive funds to continue to provide distance learning events.

## How To Tune In

Although the programs can be viewed on home TVs, they can also be viewed at the Public Health Nursing

Centers, which act as the site coordinators for the APHTN. Communities that are not on our list are encouraged to contact their local cable provider and request the need for UAS Ak3 Signal.

Ak3 is an MPEG2DVB digitally encoded free-to-air signal located on GE-8 at 139 degrees west. To receive the Ak3 signal, you must

have an MPEG2DVB capable receiver with the appropriate frequencies entered and a satellite dish that can "see" GE-8. If you can receive ARCS or Gavel to Gavel or the PBS superstation, you can receive Ak3. The UAS Media Services Department can offer further assistance at 907-465-6514.

## Media Lending Library

APHTN also has a video lending library of the broadcasted programs, which you can borrow for up to two weeks. APHTN is also planning to help health care providers earn and maintain professional credentials in Alaska by making continuing education credits more readily available through our association with the CDC.

1-800-879-7033

## How to Contact APHTN

APHTN has established a website to help participants find its upcoming programs and to register and evaluate these programs at:

[www.chems.alaska.gov/phntn](http://www.chems.alaska.gov/phntn)

APHTN is expanding collaboration with other academic institutions in and around Alaska to bring an even greater number of useful programs to Alaskans.

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